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Remarks

In view of the following discussion, the applicants believe that this application is in allowable form.

OBJECTIONS

A. Specification

The Examiner objects to the language used in the abstract. In particular, the Examiner indicates that the legalese phrase "comprises" should not be used in the abstract. Applicants have amended the abstract to replace the phrase "comprises" with the term "includes".

Additionally, the Examiner indicates that the specification should be updated to reflect the status of the parent case. Applicants have amended the specification to update the status of the parent case.

In view of the above amendments, the basis for the Examiner's objection to the specification has been removed. As such, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants submit this application is presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609)

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734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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